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TPD SEEKING VICTIM OF DOG ATTACK NORTH ALVERNON WAY AND EAST FLOWER STREET

On Sunday July 31, 2011 at approximately 4:40 p.m., the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call from a male reporting being bitten by a dog that was running loose. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the area and arrived on scene. An Officer from the Pima Animal Care Center (PACC) also responded to the scene. During the initial response, officers did not locate any victims, and the owner had secured the dog. The PACC Officer remained on scene to continue the investigation while the Tucson Police Department officers responded to a nearby emergency. The PACC Officer was able to contact **two adult victims who had been bitten by the dog**, one of whom required treatment at a local hospital for significant injuries on several parts of his body. The PACC Officer cited the owner for related criminal violations.

On Monday August 1, 2011, the Tucson Police Department received a 911 call from the dog owner, who indicated that her dog had been shot. Tucson Police Department Officers responded to the scene, as did a PACC Officer. Officers determined that the dog had been shot while inside the owners fenced back yard. The Tucson Police Department arrested **27-year old Rashod Tyler**, a neighbor, in connection with the shooting death of the dog. He was charged with **one count of Cruelty to Animals**, and booked into the Pima County Jail.

During the follow-up investigation and coordination between the Tucson Police Department and the Pima Animal Care Center, it has been determined that during the series of attacks on Sunday July 31, 2011, there was at least one additional victim who was bitten by the dog. That victim, described as a **teenaged male**, was apparently rescued by passing motorists who stopped to assist him. He may have left the scene with one of the motorists, and has not yet been contacted by police.

The Tucson Police Department is seeking assistance in locating this third victim. Detectives would like to speak with him to check his welfare and to document his role as a victim in this investigation. Anyone with information about him or his whereabouts is asked to call **911** or **88-CRIME**.

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